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L1	7069 S	AMLODIPINE OR AMLODIPINE(W) BESYLATE
L2	2370 S	ATORVASTATIN OR ATORVASTATIN (3A) HEMICALCIUM
L3	5324 S	HYPERTENS? (L) HYPERLIPIDEMI?
L4	37 S	L1 (L) L3
L5	97 S	L2 (L) L3
L6	24 S	L4 (L) L5

- ① indicate which claims will be examined
- ② modified restriction  
1-87 product claim  
method claim

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L5 ANSWER 89 OF 97 USPATFULL

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:128341 USPATFULL

TITLE: Method and pharmaceutical composition for regulating lipid concentration

INVENTOR(S): Bocan, Thomas M. A., Ann Arbor, MI, United States

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Warner-Lambert Company, Morris Plains, NJ, United States (U.S. corporation)

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PATENT INFORMATION:	US 6124309	20000926
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PRIORITY INFORMATION:	US 1995-6155	19951102 (60)
DOCUMENT TYPE:	Utility	
PRIMARY EXAMINER:	Jordan, Kimberly	
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE:	Anderson, Elizabeth M.	
NUMBER OF CLAIMS:	11	
EXEMPLARY CLAIM:	1	
LINE COUNT:	432	

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

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DETD . . . ischemic syndromes that may be treated by the method of the present invention include: angina pectoris, coronary artery disease (CAD), **hypertension**, cerebrovascular accidents, transient ischemic attacks, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic

hypoxic

lung disease, pulmonary **hypertension**, renal **hypertension**, chronic renal disease, microvascular complications of diabetes, and vaso-occlusive complications of sickle cell anemia.

DETD An HMG-COA reductase inhibitor for use in the novel method may be selected from atorvastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, fluvastatin, and rivastatin; preferably atorvastatin, lovastatin, or simvastatin; most preferably atorvastatin. HMG-COA reductase inhibitors are known to function as antihypercholesterolemic agents. They reduce hepatic cholesterol biosynthesis by inhibiting the enzyme HMG-COA. . . the early, rate-limiting step in the biosynthesis of cholesterol, the conversion

of

hydroxymethylglutarate to mevalonate. Known HMG-COA reductase inhibitors include **atorvastatin** MEVACOR.RTM. (lovastatin), ZOCOR.RTM. (simvastatin), PRAVACHOL.RTM. (pravastatin), LESCOL.RTM. (fluvastatin), and rivastatin. ##STR1##

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2,6-bis(1-methylethyl)phenyl[[2,4,6-tris(1-methylethyl)phenyl]acetyl]sul

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DETD TABLE I

Lipoprotein Distribution Expressed as  
Percent of Total Plasma Cholesterol

	VLDL	LDL	HDL
Progression Control			
	16	60	24
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phenyl[[2,4,6-tris(1-methylethyl)phenyl]-acetyl]sulfamate (10 mg/kg)	5	73	22
<b>Atorvastatin</b> (5 mg/kg)			
	14	48	38
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phenyl[[2,4,6-tris(1-methylethyl)phenyl]-acetyl]sulfamate +	4	35	60
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combination with 2,6-bis(1-methylethyl)phenyl[[2,4,6-tris(1-methylethyl)phenyl]acetyl]sulfamate significantly reduced the CE enrichment of the iliac-femoral artery. Morphometric analysis of the iliac-femoral artery revealed that **atorvastatin** reduced the lesion size, while the combination of **atorvastatin** and 2,6-bis(1-methylethyl)phenyl[[2,4,6-tris(1-methylethyl)-phenyl]acetyl]sulfamate significantly decreased the monocyte-macrophage content of the lesion without changing lesion size. 2,6-Bis(1-methylethyl)phenyl[[2,4,6-tris(1-methylethyl)-phenyl]acetyl]sulfamate alone had no effect on. . .

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L5 ANSWER 90 OF 97 USPATFULL

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:95018 USPATFULL

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PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Warner-Lambert Company, Morris Plains, NJ, United States (U.S. corporation)

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PATENT INFORMATION:	US 6093719	20000725
APPLICATION INFO.:	US 1999-345944	19990701 (9)
RELATED APPLN. INFO.:	Division of Ser. No. US 51368	

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PRIORITY INFORMATION:	US 1995-6155	19951102 (60)
DOCUMENT TYPE:	Utility	
PRIMARY EXAMINER:	Jordan, Kimberly	
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L5 ANSWER 91 OF 97 USPATFULL

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:34393 USPATFULL

TITLE: Systemic inflammatory markers as diagnostic tools in the prevention of atherosclerotic diseases and as

tools

to aid in the selection of agents to be used for the prevention and treatment of atherosclerotic disease

INVENTOR(S): Ridker, Paul, Chestnut Hill, MA, United States

Hennekens, Charles H., South Natick, MA, United States

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): The Brigham and Women's Hospital, Inc., Boston, MA, United States (U.S. corporation)

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PATENT INFORMATION:	US 6040147	20000321
APPLICATION INFO.:	US 1998-54212	19980402 (9)
DOCUMENT TYPE:	Utility	
PRIMARY EXAMINER:	Saunders, David	
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE:	Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, PC	
NUMBER OF CLAIMS:	47	

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EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1  
NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 7 Drawing Figure(s); 5 Drawing Page(s)  
LINE COUNT: 1501  
CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

DETD . . . populations are casual or due to short-term inflammatory changes, or to interrelations with other risk factors, in particular smoking and **hyperlipidemia**.  
DETD Lipid reducing agents include gemfibrozil, cholestyramine, colestipol, nicotinic acid, probucol lovastatin, fluvastatin, simvastatin, **atorvastatin**, pravastatin, cirivastatin.  
DETD . . . logistic regression models accounting for the matching variables and controlling for randomized treatment assignment, body mass index, diabetes, history of **hypertension**, and a parental history of coronary artery disease. Similar models were employed to adjust for measured baseline levels of total. . . .  
DETD . . . subsequently developed myocardial infarction were more likely than those who remained free of vascular disease to have a history of **hypertension, hyperlipidemia**, or a parental history of coronary artery disease. Similarly, those who subsequently developed stroke were more likely to be **hypertensive**. Due to the matching, age and smoking were similar in cases and controls.  
DETD . . . 3.3 25 +/- 3.2 26 +/- 2.9 (kg/m2\*)  
History of high 9 13 17 10 7  
cholesterol (%)  
History of **Hypertension** 16 29 27 35 20  
(%)  
Parental history of 10 13 17 11 8  
coronary artery disease  
(%)

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\*values represent. . .

DETD . . . relationship between C-reactive protein and myocardial infarction was not significantly altered in analyses which adjusted for body mass index, diabetes, **hypertension**, a family history of premature coronary artery disease, total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, triglycerides, lipoprotein(a), tPA antigen, D-dimer, fibrinogen, or homocysteine. . . .  
DETD . . . 2.9 0.01  
95% CI -- 1.1-4.7 1.0-4.4 1.4-5.9  
p -- 0.04 0.04 0.005  
Body mass  
index (kg/m.sup.2),  
diabetes,  
history of  
**hypertension**,  
and family  
history of  
premature  
CAD  
Adjusted RR 1.0 1.5 2.4 2.6 <0.001  
95% CI -- 0.9-2.5 1.5-4.0 1.6-4.4  
p. . .  
DETD . . . not significantly altered in analysis which adjusted for body mass index, diabetes, a family history of premature coronary artery disease, **hyperlipidemia**, and a history of **hypertension**

DETD . . . \*Matched for smoking and age, controlled for  
total and HDL cholesterol  
\*\*Matched for smoking and age, controlled for history of **hypertension**  
, **hyperlipidemia**, body mass index, diabetes, and a family history of  
premature CAD  
95% CI = 95 percent confidence interval

L5 ANSWER 92 OF 97 USPATFULL

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:170629 USPATFULL  
TITLE: Arylthiazolidinedione derivatives  
INVENTOR(S): Sahoo, Soumya P., Old Bridge, NJ, United States  
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Han, Wei, West Chester, PA, United States  
Bergman, Jeffrey, Tenafly, NJ, United States  
Santini, Conrad, Warren, NJ, United States  
Lombardo, Victoria K., Belle Mead, NJ, United States  
Desai, Ranjit, Franklin Park, NJ, United States  
Boueres, Julia K., Franklin Park, NJ, United States  
Gratale, Dominick F., Edison, NJ, United States  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Merck & Co., Inc., Rahway, NJ, United States (U.S.  
corporation)

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PATENT INFORMATION:	US 6008237	19991228
APPLICATION INFO.:	US 1998-213542	19981217 (9)

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	US 1998-105238	19981022 (60)
DOCUMENT TYPE:	Utility	
PRIMARY EXAMINER:	Gerstl, Robert	
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE:	McGinnis, James L.; Rose, David L.; Yang, Mollie M.	
NUMBER OF CLAIMS:	27	
EXEMPLARY CLAIM:	1	
LINE COUNT:	3470	

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

SUMM . . . associated with increased and premature mortality due to an  
increased risk for microvascular and macrovascular diseases, including  
nephropathy, neuropathy, retinopathy, **hypertension**, stroke,  
and heart disease. Therefore, control of glucose homeostasis is a  
critically important approach for the treatment of diabetes.

SUMM **Hyperlipidemia** is a condition which is characterized by an  
abnormal increase in serum lipids, such as cholesterol, triglycerides  
and phospholipids. These. . .

SUMM One form of **hyperlipidemia** is hypercholesterolemia,  
characterized by the existence of elevated LDL cholesterol levels. The  
initial treatment for hypercholesterolemia is often to modify. . .

SUMM . . . the enzymes of the beta-oxidation cycle. Compounds of this  
group include but are not limited to the fibrate class of  
**hyperlipidemic** drugs, herbicides and phthalate plasticizers.  
Peroxisome proliferation is also triggered by dietary or physiological  
factors such as a high-fat diet. . .

SUMM . . . dual agonists of the .alpha./.gamma. subtypes. These compounds  
are therefore useful in the treatment, control or prevention of  
diabetes, hyperglycemia, **hyperlipidemia** (including



hypercholesterolemia and hypertriglyceridemia), atherosclerosis, obesity, vascular restenosis, and other PPAR .alpha., .delta. and/or .gamma. mediated diseases, disorders and conditions.

SUMM . . . in treating, controlling or preventing include, but are not limited to, (1) A diabetes mellitus, (2) hyperglycemia, (3) obesity, (4)

**hyperlipidemia**, (5) hypertriglyceridemia, (6) hypercholesterolemia (including raising HDL levels), (7) atherosclerosis, (8) vascular restenosis, (9) irritable bowel syndrome, (10) pancreatitis, (11).

SUMM . . . dual agonist is administered with a cholesterol biosynthesis inhibitor, particularly an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor such as lovastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, fluvastatin, **atorvastatin** and rivastatin.

SUMM (e) cholesterol lowering agents such as (i) HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors (lovastatin, simvastatin and pravastatin, fluvastatin, **atorvastatin**, rivastatin and other statins), (ii) sequestrants (cholestyramine, colestipol and a dialkylaminoalkyl derivatives of a cross-linked dextran), (iii) nicotinyl alcohol, nicotinic. . .

L5 ANSWER 93 OF 97 USPATFULL

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:166969 USPATFULL

TITLE: Method of treating hyperlipidemia

INVENTOR(S): Cawthorne, Michael Anthony, Horsham, United Kingdom  
Liu, Yong-Ling, Buckingham, United Kingdom  
Sennitt, Matthew V., Chipstead, United Kingdom

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Biomeasure, Incorporated, Milford, MA, United States  
(U.S. corporation)

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PATENT INFORMATION:	US 6004928	19991221
APPLICATION INFO.:	US 1998-78111	19980513 (9)

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PRIORITY INFORMATION:	US 1997-46346	19970513 (60)
DOCUMENT TYPE:	Utility	
PRIMARY EXAMINER:	Russel, Jeffrey E.	
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE:	Conway, John D.Fish & Richardson	
NUMBER OF CLAIMS:	23	
EXEMPLARY CLAIM:	1	
LINE COUNT:	584	

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

SUMM . . . role of plasma lipids and lipoproteins in atherogenesis (Adult Treatment Panel II, Circulation 89:1333-1445 (1994); Havel, R. J., Clin.

Exp. **Hypertens.** 11:887-900 (1989)). Atherogenesis is the process by which lipids accumulate in the intimal lining of arteries leading to the formation. . . metabolism, coagulation, hyperinsulinism and glycation all seem to contribute significantly to the process (Bierman, E. L., Arterio. Throm. 12:647-656 (1992)). **Hyperlipidemia**'s characteristics of raised plasma concentrations of triglyceride, raised low density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol concentrations, and low concentrations of high density. . . M, et al., N. Engl. J. Med. 334:374-381 (1996); and Hamsten, A., et al., N. Engl. J. Med. 313:1557-1563 (1985)). **Hyperlipidemia** in

clinical practice, defined by the upper 10 percent of the distribution of plasma lipid levels in a population, i.e., . . . cholesterol and triacylglycerides in the plasma have become widespread in clinical practice which permits the identification of patients with asymptomatic **hyperlipidemia**. Guidelines are available for diagnosis and monitoring responses to therapy. See Workshop Treatment of **Hyperlipidemia**, 1996-2 (Lakemedelsverket, Uppsala, Sweden 1996). Lowering plasma lipid concentrations reduces the amount of atherogenic plaques on the intima of blood. . .

SUMM A number of disorders are associated with **hyperlipidemia**, such as uncontrolled diabetes mellitus (insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus and non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus) (Bianchi, R., et al.,

Diab. Nutr. Metabl. 7:43-51. . . Principles of Internal Medicine, Ed. Braunwald, E., et al., 11th Edition, McGraw-Hill 1016-1024 (1988)). A number of drugs also produce **hyperlipidemia**, such as oral contraceptives, estrogens, glucocorticoids and antihypertensives. Dietary factors such as increased caloric intake (recent weight gain), consumption of foods high in saturated fats and cholesterol and alcohol intake contribute to the development of **hyperlipidemia**. Aside from these, primary **hyperlipidemia** include a family of genetic disorders associated with family histories of **hyperlipidemia** or xanthomas and pancreatitis.

SUMM The present invention relates to a method of treating **hyperlipidemia** in a patient (e.g., a mammal such as a human). The method includes the step of administering a therapeutically effective. . . e.g., administered intravenously, subcutaneously, or by implantation of a sustained release formulation. In one embodiment, the patient is suffering from **hyperlipidemia** (e.g., abnormally high levels of cholesterol, triacylglycerols, or glycerol) and/or is a diabetic (i.e., type-I or type-II diabetic).

SUMM . . . triglycerides, cholesterol, or glycerol, such as fibrates (e.g., bezafibrate, gemfibrozil, and clofibrate), HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors (e.g., pravastatin, simvastatin, and fluvastatin, **Atorvastatin**, and Lovastatin), bile acid binding resins (e.g., cholestyramine and colestipol), nicotinic acid compounds (e.g., nicotinic acid and niceritrol), and fish oils. See Workshop Treatment

of **Hyperlipidemia** 1996-2 (Lakemedelsverket, Uppsala, Sweden, 1996).